

CIRCULAR NO.3

UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Annual General Meeting: Friday, 11th May, 8 p.m. in the Men's Lounge, in the Union House.

BUSINESS: 1. Constitution

2. Election of Office-bearers

3. Program 1945-6: Day walks.

Week-end excursions
and longer expeditions.
Indoor meetings - films,
lectures,
dinners etc.

Sub-committees - research
tours
equipment
food
meteorology
etc.

4. General Discussion on above.

5. Payment of subscriptions and stabilisation of membership roll; this is particularly necessary as all manner of names have been handed in, representing varying degrees of interest, and some pruning may be necessary.

If you want the Club to do something, come along and say so.

- The following are the members of the provisional committee which will cease functioning at this meeting, following a formal election of office-bearers: Professor T. Cherry, Miss Marjorie Awburn, Messrs. Geoffrey Watson, Phil Law, Gavin Ardley, Kay Hunter, Kevin Westfold-Scott, and Richard Johnston (resigned).

NIALL BRENNAN,
Secretary.

3 St. Neot's Av.,
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MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

P r o g r a m m e

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Sunday, June 10th: WALK Hurstbridge district, led by the President, Professor T. Cherry. Train leaves Princes Bridge at 9 a.m., returning either 5.55 p.m. or 8.9 p.m. Fare, 1st return 2/9. Bring two meals, maps, etc.

Friday, June 15th: WEEKEND TOUR. A party may go to the Cathedral Range on this (King's Birthday) weekend. Tentative plans are to leave by midday train on Friday, returning about midday on Monday, allowing two whole days on range. Trains connecting with buses leave Melbourne 8.25 a.m. and 1.55 pm; buses leave Buxton on return at 4.30 p.m. Sunday or 10.30 Monday. These times may be altered for King's Birthday weekend; the fare is 18/- return by bus, and the rail fare (to Lilydale) about 2/6. Booking for the bus is made at the Marysville Tourist Bureau, Empire Arcade, off Flinders St. (almost next door to Hartleys), phone Cent. 222. For people going independently, there is shelter at Buxton, in the school building, the school play-shed (open), and the Mechanics Institute next to the hotel. These buildings may be locked, but access can be obtained if thought applied to problem. The Institute, which is recommended, is usually open at the back. From there, the whole Taggerty Valley is open for inspection; the Sugarloaf can be reached by following a timber road which leaves the main road about a mile north of Buxton; and when this timber road veers round parallel with the range, an ascent can be made at almost any point. The Cathedral Peak is reached about five miles further north along the road. There are several camp-sites for those with tents nearer the mountain and even on the mountain.

Those who do not wish to go independently are invited to let the Secretary know as soon as possible, and they will be advised whether any "guides" will be going. Further information on the general locality can be obtained from Messrs Watson and Westfold Scott (Arts Building) or the Secretary.

Tuesday, July 3rd: MEETING. Union House: Presidential Address, "Mountaineering in Victoria"; this will be of special interest to those looking for fresh fields to conquer.

Saturday, July 14th: WEEKEND WALK led by Gavin Ardley, Kinglake district. Details will be posted, but those interested, and not at the University, should communicate with the Secretary beforehand for details.

Sunday, August 5th: WALK: Leader to be nominated; Lilydale district.

Thursday, August 15th: MEETING. Union House, Dr. Loewe, on "Weather conditions in Victorian Mountains." This meeting will be the last before the end of term and will afford opportunity for discussion of vacation plans.

November - after the examinations: MASS TOUR of Victorian Alps; details will be advised later; leaders, (especially women) familiar with the country are wanted as volunteers.

GENERAL NOTES

Ski School Weekends: The MUSkiC proposes to make several ski school weekend visits to the USC Hut on Donna Buang. All who pay sports fees are automatically members of this Club, and those interested in polishing up their ski technique should watch notice boards or communicate with the MUSkiC secretary, Wm. Boake (Win. 3883).

King's Birthday Snow Trips: Members contemplating trips to snow at King's Birthday, are advised that as this is one of the few long weekends available to workers outside the University, there is likely to be serious overcrowding at Donna Buang and Buller.

Buller Transport: "Schuss", the SCV magazine advises that transport can be obtained from Mansfield to Buller (old chalet site) through Mr. Ron McCallum, c/o Delatite Mill, via Mansfield. Prices and times subject to negotiation, but a specimen fare was £5 both ways for a car load.

Company Wanted: About June or July, one member is looking for male company (or female!) for a ski tour, Bogong-Hotham. This is not an easy trip, but the member has covered it in summer. Skis, winter equipment and some experience essential.

Equipment: The Equipment sub-committee has completed an interim report which, after checking, will be sent to all members; one draft copy was last seen with Mr. Watson (Arts Building), but information on equipment can be obtained from the Secretary, or from Alan Durre, Union House.

For Sale. The Secretary has the addresses of two people wishing to sell skis; items are:

- (a) hickory racing skis, cable bindings (downpull), steel edges. £14.
- (b) Hickory racing skis (about 7' 6") strap bindings, stocks on edges, continental make. £9.
- (c) Czech ash skis, about 5' 6", or 6', suitable for lady, strap bindings, no edges, stocks included. £6.

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DINNER ! The annual dinner will be held in the Union Dining Room on Monday, September 17th. Note carefully the arrangements.

The cost per head will be about 4/6 or 4/9, and those who desire liquor are requested to bring their own, and to confer with Mr. Watson, Master of the Keg, Trinity College in regard to consumption of same.

Bookings for the dinner close with Miss Marjorie Awburn on Monday, September 3rd. Her phone is XW3004. To avoid the sordid arrangement of collecting deposits, beforehand, a booking will be tantamount to a gentleman's agreement to come, otherwise all manner of financial complications arise. At first, bookings will be confined to financial members, but as the dining room holds sixty eaters, it will be possible to bring friends if bookings are made promptly. Therefore, if you wish to bring friends (as few as possible, please), notify Miss Awburn with your own booking. Then on receipt of all bookings, you will be advised (in order of priority) how many friends you can bring. If this is too complicated to understand, communicate with the Secretary or Miss Awburn anyway.

After dinner, films, epidiascopy, and amicability in the Men's Lounge, to which anyone may come. Anyone with photographs (which can be epidiascoped) is requested to communicate with the Secretary. Any mountaineering photographs will do, for even if the pictures aren't much good, the commentary will compensate. This evening will mark the gala premiere screening of a picture of the secretary, stark naked, bathing in Big River (two angles).

Remember, Monday, September 17th, 6 p.m., Union Dining Room, and bookings close on Monday, September 3rd.

TOURS CENSUS.

"Agallupolling we will go!"

Attached is a sheet of paper in the form of a bureaucratic questionnaire. Its purpose will be obvious. It is to enable any member of the Club to be put in immediate contact with any other member who has information in regard to localities. Fill it in and return within 14 days to the Secretary.

MAPS:-

Mr. Kevin Westfold Scott, Room 13, Arts Building, has been appointed Keeper of the Maps, and has charge of the

Club's library of Maps. Note carefully the procedure for use of these maps.

(1) Maps are for reference and consultation only and are not to be taken on tour. The reason for this is obvious, especially as the Forests Commission maps are very large and printed on poor quality paper. These are to serve as Master Maps. If you want a map of a locality for a tour, consult Mr. Scott who will loan you any relevant maps. Then having decided the exact area you want, proceed back to Mr. Scott and tell him. In a few days from that date, Mr. Scott will provide you with a photostat copy, reduced in size or enlarged according to taste, which for a small charge becomes your own personal property. Then, on returning from your tour, as a matter of co-operative courtesy, you should report back to the Keeper of the Maps, and such additional information as you have acquired, i.e. watering places, huts, hollow trees, etc., can be added to the master maps. The cost of photostats varies with the size of the sheet only and a typical example, measuring some 14" x 18" cost the purchaser 4/6.

INFORMATION: Advice has been received from the Department of the Army that Wilsons Promontory is still a declared area, but permits to enter the area may be obtained from the General Staff (Intelligence) Victorian L. of C., 339 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Anyone desiring to make this application might borrow a sheet of Club notepaper from the Secretary, as this adds tone to the application.

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(NB. MU9551 no longer applicable).

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TOURS: Owing to the difficulty of finding a date to suit everyone, the proposed Grand Rally after the exams promises to be rather emaciated, but a number of people are going on tours, many of them about the same time and they have intimated their willingness to include others who desire to go. Full details of these tours are posted (a) on the board outside the Union House, (b) the board opposite the Warden's entrance, and (c) in the main entrance foyer outside the theatre. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, and anyone, going on tour, who wants company or will take company can add his name to the above lists, by contacting the secretary. Details of fares, time-tables, etc., are also posted, or may be obtained from the secretary.

TOURS CENSUS: There are still about forty questionnaire forms which have not been returned. Where is this vast body of local data the club proposed to have in stock???

MAPS: Members are reminded of the club's library of maps, photostat copies of which may be obtained by consulting Mr. Westfold Scott. The club is at present engaged on compiling a definite map of the Central Highlands (Buller, Howitt, Cobbler area) and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone visiting those areas in the near future would communicate with the secretary as they will be of great assistance in obtaining the latest data.

If members notify the secretary of other proposed tours over the long vacation, it will help others who may desire to join them. If folk who want to go places also ring the secretary they might hear of such projects. This will be the last circular for the year. The Committee wishes you the compliments of the season and good touring.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Men's Lounge
on Wednesday, April 17th at 7.30pm.

BUSINESS - Secretary's report
 Treasurer's report
 Election of Office bearers
 General

Nominations for all offices particularly for three
committee vacancies are called and should be sent in
writing to the undersigned at the address given below or
placed in Box 'B' Mens Cloakroom before midnight, Wednesday
April 10th. Nominations should be signed by nominee
proposer and seconder.

After the formal business, informal reports of vacation
activities will be given (and received) and members are
invited to bring along their logs, memoirs and photographs.

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HIKE. A Hike along the Plenty River Gorge has been planned for Sunday 12th May with Geoffrey Watson as leader. Train leaves Prince's Bridge Station at 9.00 A.M. Buy a return ticket to Diamond Creek but leave the train at Greensborough. The return train leaves Diamond Creek at 6.19.

ABERFELDY TRIP. A week's stay at Aberfeldy has been planned for the first week of the vacation from Monday June 3rd. We plan to use the guest house as base for trips through the mountains. The charge will be ~~£~~3/3/0 with fares approx. ~~£~~1/15/0. All those interested are asked to contact the Secretary before Tuesday May 21st as it is essential that we know the exact numbers coming.

Trinity College

Carlton N.3.

R. S. Houghton.

Secretary. (F 6605)

UNION HOUSE UNIVERSITY

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

PROGRAMME

Wednesday May 22th. Men's Lounge, 7.15 p.m. Meeting of those going to Aberfeldy to finalise arrangements.

8 p.m. Address by Dr. H.T. Patton "The Geology of the Victorian Mountains". Equipment Reports will be distributed to all financial members.

Monday June 3rd.-10th Vacation Tour. Aberfeldy.

Wednesday June 24th. Meeting 8 p.m. Men's Lounge. Address on some subject connected with the South Pole.

Saturday July 5th. Weekend Walk. Healesville district. Details will be available on the notice-boards and at the evening meeting on June 26th..

Wednesday July 24th. Meeting 8 p.m. Men's Lounge. Address by Mr. G.J. Ralph on "The South West of Tasmania", and Mr. G.W.R. Ardley on some region of the Victorian Mountains.

Wednesday September 25th. Annual Dinner. Union House, followed by a meeting in the Men's Lounge with films and discussion by members of recent trips.

Additional Items, details of which will be available later.

1. Exhibition of Mountaineering Equipment.
2. Summer Vacation Tours.
3. Sunday Walk in Third Term.

N.B. In future part-time members only will receive circulars by post. Circulars for full-time members will be left in the pigeon-holes in the Union.

All members are asked to complete and return their membership form before the end of term.

Mr. Peter Cronin has been appointed new Keeper of the Maps on the resignation of Mr. Westfold. He can be found with the Pantograph upstairs in the Geology School.

R. S. ROBERTS
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Grampians Monday September 2nd-9th

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Annual Dinner Wednesday September 24th.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Private Dining-room of the Union House at 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday September 24th. The following details have been arranged by the Dinner sub-committee, consisting of Professor Cherry, Mr. Geoffrey Watson and Mr. Ian Drysdale. The charge of 6/- will include sherry before and beer during the meal. It is hoped that we will have two distinguished guest speakers. Since the Private Dining-Room can only seat comfortably some fifty people, those who wish to invite guests should apply immediately as guest accommodation is very limited.

All who wish to be present are asked to reply to

Mr. Ian Drysdale, (XW3362)
240 Bluff Road,
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on or before September 9th. (Owing to catering arrangements we will be unable to accept cancellations after September 20th).

Saturday Walk October 6th.

Mr. Roger Vaughan (WM3361) will lead a walk - Whittlesea-Mt. Disappointment-Whittlesea (distance 17 miles approx.) - on the third Saturday in Third Term. Whittlesea train leaves Flinders St. 9.02 a.m. and return train leaves Whittlesea 5.30 p.m.

Wonnangatta November

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Tasmania. The last fortnight in January and/or the first fortnight in February are the tentative dates for the trip. To suit all concerned it may be necessary to organize two trips.

While the following itinerary is suggested, it is not in any way to be considered as final or rigid and is susceptible to many subtle variations. (Incidentally food will all be arranged in bulk).

Boat to Tasmania; Bus via Great Lake to Lake St. Clair. The Du Cane Ranges in the South end of the Scenic Reserve will be the main scene for our walking and climbing. Here the party will be living in huts and it will not be necessary to carry more than a day's food at a time.

Keener members may wish to tackle the Frenchman's Cap or try the walk through the Scenic Reserve. It is a five-day trip along a good track, well-hutted.

The return trip may be made four ways:-

- (1) Same as in-going trip.
- (2) via Hobart to Launceston
- (3) via Queenstown to Burnie
- (4) Through Reserve to Cradle Mt. and thence to Burnie, Devonport or Launceston.

The estimated cost of the complete trip returning (1) or (2) is twelve pounds.

Having fully mastered this circular those who wish to go are asked to inform the Secretary by October 28th of

- (a) their name
- (b) date preferred
- (c) trip preferred
- (d) whether they are willing and/or able to camp out. (For references a Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau map might be useful).
Anyone who wishes to spend any time in Hobart or Launceston is warned that accommodation is very hard to get and an early application to the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau would be a good idea.

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- Anyone who wishes to spend any time in Hobart or Launceston is warned that accommodation is very hard to get and an early application to the Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureau would be a good idea.
- Another circular with final details will probably be issued some time in January.

Incidentally this will be the last circular to last year's members who have not renewed their membership this year.

Trinity College
Carlton N.3. (FJ 6605)

R. S. Houghton with
(Secretary) contributions by

G. S. Watson
(Treasurer)

Circular No. 912

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY
MOUNTAINEERING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 27th. in the Men's Lounge. Business will include election of Office Bearers and Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations are invited for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Committee members. Nominations must be signed by Proposer and Seconder and forwarded to the Secretary or left in the Ski Club letter-box, upstairs in the Union by Thursday 20th March.

Suggestions will be taken at the meeting for Day, Weekend and Vacation Trips for the coming year.

Mr. Bechervaise of Geelong, who led the recent expedition to Rodondo Island will address the meeting with an account of the trip illustrated by a coloured film.

Supper will be served after the meeting.

R.S.HOUGHTON
Secretary.

Trinity College,
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Circular No.14.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY
MOUNTAINEERING CLUB.

Presidential Address. Thursday May 1st. 8pm. English Lecture Theatre. Illustrated talk by Professor Cherry on "Rock Climbing".

Night Walk. On Saturday May 3rd., a Night Hike will be held with Prof. Cherry as leader. Food etc. for two meals should be brought, and billies will be boiled some time in the small hours of Sunday. We will return approx. 10am. Sunday. If suburban trains are running, catch the 7.10pm. Ferntree Gully train from Flinders Street. Buy a return ticket to Upper Ferntree Gully, but alight at Lower Ferntree Gully. If trains are not running, assemble at the Wattle Park tram terminus. ^{6.15pm} at 8pm.

May 24th.-June 2nd. (1st. week of vac.) A party will stay at the Aberfeldy Guest House, or camp in huts in the Matlock area. Overall cost should be £5 or less, according to the accommodation provided. Details will be available later, but those intending to go should notify the Secretary not later than May 20th.

The following are provisional dates for the rest of 1947:

June 19th. 8pm. Men's Lounge. Talk on European Mountains.

June 28th.-29th. Weekend Walk. Stay over night will be made at a Youth Hostel. Leader - Miss Jean Mac Gregor.

July 24th. Annual Dinner. Details are being arranged by Mr. G. Watson, and Miss Jean Mac Gregor.

August 3rd. Day Walk. Lilydale-Eltham. Leader - Dr. Loewe.

September Vacation. An outing will be arranged later.

Sept. 18th. Meeting. 8pm. Talk on "Foods for Campers".

Sept. 28th. Sunday Walk. Leader Miss. Lorna Murphy.

Post-Exam. Weekend. Dr. Loewe will lead a two day trip to the Cathedral Range. The object of the trip will be Rock Climbing.

Summer Vacation. No finality has been reached yet, but another trip to Tasmania is under consideration.

Details of these provisional fixtures will be posted on the notice boards in due course.

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Tours Dossier. Mr. Norman Cottman, the club's Tours Officer is compiling a dossier of up to date information likely to be of use to members. When planning trips members should contact the Tours Officer, and when the trip is completed, a report of the condition of tracks, huts, and water supply should then be handed to him for the guidance of fellow Mountaineers.

6 Merriwoola St.
East St. Kilda, S2.
(LF3713).

Ian Leslie.
Hon. Secretary.

Circular No 15.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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Annual Dinner:

The Club's Annual Dinner will be held in the upstairs Private Dining Room of the Union, on Thursday, 24th July. Sherry will be had in the adjoining lounge at 6.00 p.m. and Dinner will commence at 6.30 p.m.

The charge will be 6/- per head, which covers the liquid refreshments etc. The Club made a loss last year, when people who booked did not come, so this year a booking will be regarded as an agreement to pay.

Bookings by financial members must be in the hands of the Secretary before 15th July, and cancellations cannot be accepted later than 21st July.

Sunday Walk, August 3rd.

Lilydale to Eltham.

Leader - Dr. Loewe.

Second Term Vacation.

A week in the Grampians is being considered. Tents would be required for this trip. Details will be placed on the notice board as soon as possible.

Map Library.

The Club's Map Library, a list of which is attached, is held by Mr. Peter Crohn, who may be found in the Geology School. Maps are for reference, and may be traced but are not to be taken on tour.

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MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Circular No.16 - October 1947.

Cathedral Ranges, November 29th-30th:- This trip will include some rock climbing, and will provide excellent relaxation for examination weary undergrads. The party will travel by 8.25 a.m. Train to Lilydale on Saturday 29th November, then by bus to Buxton returning from Buxton the following afternoon. Those going are advised to book their bus seat in advance at the Marysville Tourist Bureau, Empire Arcade, next to Hartley's, Flinders Street. Camp will be established in a saddle S.E. of the summit of Sugarloaf, and food and tents for the two days will be needed. If you intend to come, please let the Secretary know what tent accommodation you have to spare.

Bogong High Plains, December 15th-22nd:- Daryl Davies is organising a hike from Harrietville to Omeo, and he is willing to include in his party Club members who are able to camp out and carry enough food and equipment for seven days. The overall cost should not exceed £5. Anyone interested may contact Daryl directly, (L.F.4332) or through the Secretary.

Tasmania, January, 1947:- Professor Cherry will lead a trip to Tasmania for a fortnight commencing about January 16. The first week (roughly) will be spent hiking and climbing in the Scenic Reserve at the North end of Lake St. Clair, from a more or less fixed camp; and here some hut accommodation is available. The rest of the time will be spent on an extended hike, probably over the King William and Denison Ranges. The overall cost will be about £12.

It is advised that nominations for this party be restricted to those who have had reasonable experience of camping and hiking, e.g. at a previous Vacation Trip of the Club.

Bookings for this trip must be made with the Secretary before November 28, so that transport and catering arrangements may be made.

Other members who would like company for trips of their own are invited to forward details to the Secretary and these will be placed on the notice board for the benefit of other members.

This will be the last Circular sent to members who have not paid their 1947 Subscription.

IAN LESLIE,
Honorary Secretary.

6 Merriwoola Street,
EAST ST. KILDA. S.2.

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Circular No. 17, March 1948.

SUNDAY WALK? March 21st.

An interesting hike from Lilydale to Eltham will be led by Professor Cherry. Catch the 9.15am. (express) train to Lilydale. Buy a second Return ticket to Lilydale.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 23rd. at 8.0pm. in the Men's Lounge, at which the election of the Committee for 1948 will take place. Nominations are invited for the following offices :- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three committee members. Nominations bearing the signatures of proposer, seconder, and nominee must reach the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.

Notice has been received that the following motion to amend the Constitution will be moved at this meeting.

"That in clause 8 of the Constitution the words 'a vice-president' be replaced by 'one or more vice-presidents.'"

Clause 8 would then read :-

Clause 8. The governing body of the Club shall be the Committee which shall consist of a president, one or more vice-presidents a secretary, a treasurer, and three other members.....

After the formal business is dealt with, it is proposed to show a selection of motion pictures on topics of interest to mountaineers. As usual, supper will be served after the meeting.

EASTER, MARCH 26th.-30th.

A party under the leadership of Bill Bewsher will spend Easter climbing and hiking from a base camp at the 'Sugarloaf Saddle' in the Cathedral Ranges, about 2½ hours walk from Buxton. Guides will be on both the 6.30pm. bus to Buxton on Thursday 25th. and on the 9.30 am. bus on Good Friday. Those going should book their bus fare well in advance at Whight's Tourist Bureau, 116 Flinders St.

It is suggested that only those who are prepared to walk through scrub, and pitch camp at night go on Thursday night. Those going should provide their own food and camping equipment and are asked to inform the Secretary what bus they have booked on as soon as possible.

IAN LESLIE.
Hon. Secretary.

Union House,
Melbourne University.

Secretary's 'phone LE3713.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

We hope that the excellent attendances which we have had on our trips this year will continue as increased activity has resulted in larger membership and greater interest. We shall, infuture, have more organised club trips than in previous years. Come with the club whenever you can and enjoy the freshness of the Australian Bush.

SATURDAY - APRIL 24th.

A Night Hike will be lead by Mr. Jim Lane. See the glory of the dawn from Dandenong. Catch the 7.10 p.m. train to Ferntree Gully. The trip will end at Mooralbark about 9 a.m. Obtain 2nd return ticket to Mooralbark.

GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 28th.

At the second general meeting of the year reports will be given on the Bogong High Plains and Tasmania as seen during the Club trips during the long vacation. Also a discussion on snow, illustrated by slides, will be directed by Dr. Lowe. Bring your questions and join in the discussions. The time is 8 p.m. and the place - the Men's Lounge. Supper will be served.

SATURDAY 8th and SUNDAY 9th MAY.

A weekend trip will be lead by Mr. Daryl Davies. The party will catch the train to Whittlesea on Saturday and return on Sunday night from Hurstbridge. Tents will be required, but if you have no tent we may be able to accomodate you. Catch the 1.20 p.m. train to Whittlesea.

MAY VACATION.

Two empty houses at the foot of the Baw Baw Plateau have been obtained for May. Precise information will be posted on the Notice Board later, but contact the Secretary immediately you intend going. The party will be away from Monday 24th May to Monday 31st. This is sure to be popular.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

You are (a) a financial member (b) an unfinancial member. This will be the last circular for 1948 to unfinancial member, so send your five shilling postal note to the Secretary, M.U. Mountaineering Club, Melbourne University.

We hope that this year you will swell the band of happy mountaineers - come on club walks and organize your own trips. Let us know your plans so that we can advise you.

J. D. DAVIES

Hon. Sec.
L.F.4332.

The trips during last term were very successful. The delights of bracken-bashing, thorough soakings and general weariness were tasted by all active members. On both the Cathedral and Erica slopes the Club maintained its high reputation for being nearly bushed out. Our Vice-President, by pushing to reach the cathedral saddle at night, surpassed all previous efforts in this area.

During this term there will be a walk every fortnight, and, if average attendances continue to be so high, this should be a very successful period.

Monday, 15th June - King's Birthday.

A day walk in the Plenty river valley area will be lead by Helen Stirling. The party will catch the 8.57a.m. Whittlesea train and will return from Hurstbridge.

Saturday, 26th, Sunday 27th June - Weekend.

Walk - The party will stay on Saturday night at St. Marks Youth Hostel, Mt. Evelyn. Dinner, breakfast and a cut lunch will be provided. Either a sheet or a sleeping bag must be taken. The hostel charge is six shillings and nine pence. The first party will catch the 10.10a.m. train to Moorabark, and a second party will catch the 1.50p.m. train to Lilydale. A ticket to Moorabark or Lilydale returning from Ferntree Gully may be purchased. The party will be limited and money should, if possible, be paid to the Secretary by Tuesday, 15th June. The leader will be Elise Fitzpatrick.

Wednesday, 30th June. - 8.00p.m. Men's Lounge.

A talk on photography will be given by Dr. Lewis of Kodak Ltd. Dr. Lewis is highly qualified and his talk should be of great interest. Supper will be served.

Sunday, 6th July. - Day Walk.

Dr. Loewe will lead a trip from Diamond Creek returning from Hurstbridge. Catch the 9.00a.m. train to Diamond Creek.

Wednesday, 14th, Thursday, 15th July.

An exhibition of photographs will be held in the C. & S. North room by the Mountaineering and Ski Clubs. All members are asked to send photographs immediately to the Secretary. If possible the photographs should be labelled and put together on sheets of stiff paper. Enlargements will be especially welcome. It is up to the members to make this exhibition a success.

Saturday, 17th, Sunday, 18th July. Attention lunatics and exometrists.

A 24 hour cross-country competitive hike in pairs. This is a really splendid example of exometrical mountaineering. Fifty-six miles were covered last year and not one person dropped dead. The party will catch the 1.24p.m. train to Glen Waverley. Obtain a second return ticket to Glen Waverley. See either the Club notice board or the main board in the Arts Building for further details. In any case contact the organisers Mr. Peter Crohn (Telephone Haw. 6236) or Mr. Bill Bewsher.

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8.00p.m. Men's Lounge. Dr. Loewe, who is the Club's 1948 President and who was Vice-President during 1945-7, will give his Presidential address. He will speak on his trip to the antarctic in the Wyatt Carr when he acted as meteorologist. Slides and perhaps films taken on the trip will be shown. Supper will be served.

Saturday, 31st July, Sunday, 1st August. Weekend Walk.

Another hostel trip. This time to Clifden Farm Youth Hostel,

near Kinglake. The first party will catch the 8.25a.m. train to Yarra Glen and the second party the 1.20p.m. train to Whittlesea and the bus to Kinglake. All will return from Hurstbridge and may obtain the appropriate return tickets. The hostel charge must be paid to the Secretary by Tuesday, 20th July.

Wednesday, August 4th. Annual dinner.

The annual dinner to be held in Union House should be a great success. There will be three guest speakers, plenty of drink and the best in the way of food. The charge will be about eight shillings per head.

Youth Hostel Association.

The club is now a group member of the Association and may use its many hostels. Meals and bed are provided at the hostels where the charge is six shillings and ninepence per person per night. A sheet or its equivalent must always be taken, at least one member of the party must be himself a member of the Association. Any member of the Club may use the group membership provided that his trip be made open to all members and is approved by the committee. We ask members to avail themselves of this opportunity. The hostels are very good and provide excellent opportunities for the less energetic hikers to do weekend trips.

Equipment Report.

The clubs equipment report, published in 1946, is being revised. Members are asked to send in their ideas on boots, clothing, framed and unframed packs etc.. You all have your own opinions so voice them. It is also essential to know at which shops various goods may be purchased. Let us know if you come across supposedly unobtainable articles and especially any information you have of the shops in other states.

New Zealand.

The Club is arranging a trip under the student Exchange Scheme. The party will work for some weeks and then for a fortnight will conquer some of the peaks in the New Zealand Alps. The party will probably act in conjunction with one of the New Zealand university Alpine Clubs. All interested should let the Secretary know immediately.

DARYL DAVIES

HON. SECRETARY. M.U.M.C.

(Telephone - LF4332)

11/6/48.

Melbourne University
Mountaineering Club.

July, 1948.

The twenty four hour trek was successfully concluded, and no competitors are missing. Eleven pairs including two girls and a married couple started very optimistically; but they were soon disastrously routed by scrub, creeks and a whisky bottle. The honours went to Messrs Bewsher and Suiter with about sixty miles to their credit.

Wednesday, 28th July.

Do not forget Dr. Loewe's talk on the Antarctic. Films taken on the trip will be shown.

Annual Dinner, Wednesday 4th August.

Here's your chance to go gay. A great feed is expected. Guest-speaker is Group Captain Campbell who commanded the Antarctic expedition. The dinner is to be held in the private dining room in Union House and is due to begin at 6.30 p.m. with sherry at 6 p.m. Your 8/6 must be in to any committee member by Wednesday 28th July. The support of all members is needed to make this an outstanding success.

Vacation Trips

Monday 16th August - Monday 23rd.

Professor Cherry will lead a party in the Bindai area. The party will camp in a very comfortable shearing shed. Bindai is on the Tambo River near Mt. Tambo in North-East Gippsland and is an area seldom reached by walkers although the country is grand. The trip will be of medium standard. Those intending to go should meet in the C+S North at 1.15 p.m. on Friday 6th August.

Monday 16th August - Wednesday 18th.

Hostel trip. Healesville - 'The Hermitage' Narbethong - Mt. St. Leonard - 'Hazelwood' Toolangi - Healesville. This is a very pleasant trip and is open to all. Moreover there will be opportunities for the more strenuous members to include at least Mts. Juliet and Riddle and probably Mt. Dom Dom. The party will catch the 8.25 a.m. train to Healesville on the Monday. Names must be in to the Secretary by August 6th. Leader Daryl Davies.

Wednesday 25th August.

John Alder will lead a day walk to Britannia Falls. This should be fairly easy and interesting country. The party will catch the 8.25 a.m. train to Yarra Junction and return by the 6 p.m. train.

Thursday 2nd September.

A day walk to Mt. Disappointment will be led by Clare Stamp and Pat Watson. This is one of the best day walks near Melbourne. Catch the 9.15 a.m. train to Whittlesea from Prince's Bridge. You may return either by the 4 p.m. or the 7.10 p.m. trains.

Rockclimbing in the Cathedrals.

Spend the last few days of the Vacation at the Sugarloaf Saddle.

Mr. Bill Bewsher, the leader, will be there from Thursday 9th August to Sunday 12th. Catch whatever bus to Buxton you wish. You must book early at Whight's Tourist Bureau. The return fare is 22/-. Someone can be arranged to meet you in Buxton if necessary. Tents will be required but there will probably be some spare room for a few members who have no tents.

Third Term.

Sunday, 20th September

Mr. Peter Crohn will lead a day trip to Briarty's Hill. Catch the 9.15 a.m. train to Lilydale and the bus to Seville. The party will return from Lilydale at 7.00 p.m.

Evening Meeting - Early in October.

Mr. Peter Crohn will speak on 'The Geological Basis of Mountaineering'. He will probably attempt to give some plausible explanation of why geologists carry hammers instead of useful hatchets.

Mr. Charlie Hughes of the Melbourne Walking Club will then show kodochrome slides taken on trips. His talk should be of interest to all. The meeting will be held in the Men's Lounge and will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th of October - Hostel Trip.

Mr. Bill Bewsher will lead a trip based on the Pound Bend Youth Hostel at Warrandyte. Members will take their own food and the charge will be 1/9. Bookings must be made with the Secretary by Thursday 30th September. You may either catch the 8.25 a.m. train to Yarra Glen on Saturday morning or go in the afternoon by train to Ringwood, or by bus from Whight's Tourist Bureau.

Daryl Davies,

Hon. Sec. M.U.M.C.

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- MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB -

SEPTEMBER 1948

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Kosciusko. December:

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Wellington. December:

Mr. John Suiter will lead a ten day trip from Mt. Bullei to Mt. Wellington and Lake Tarli Karng. It will be open to all. The trip will be very interesting and will be approximately that described in 'The Melbourne Walker' of 1948 of which a copy will be available in the Club's map library in charge of Mr. Peter Crohn in the Geology School.

January 11th - January 24th:

The Club trip of the year will be lead by Mr. Bill Bewsher to the beautiful dolomite peak in the scenic reserve area in central Tasmania. Huts and tracks are a feature of this area which has many attractions. A meeting of all interested will be held on Monday, 20th September at 1.15 p.m. in the Committee Room since booking on this trip must be made early. The most useful map of this area may be obtained free from the Tasmanian Tourist Bureau.

Federation Peak:

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New Zealand:

The Club's trip has now been settled and the party is joining a group of New Zealand walkers in the South Island. Everything now depends on the ballot for berths.

Youth Hostels:

The Club's group membership card will be available for any party as long as the trip is made open to all. As yet besides the Club's organised trips no advantage has been taken of this opportunity. It is hoped that members will themselves arrange walks.

Suggested Tours:

Baw Baw High Plains: Three or four days. Tents would be required for one or two nights. This is especially suitable for courageous girls.

Bigong High Plains: Eight day trip. Harrietville to Tawonga. Huts each night.

Full reports on both these trips are available in the Club's map library.

DARYL DAVIES

Hon. Secretary

M.U.M.C.

Telephone LF4332.

6th September, 1948.

March, 1949.

The Summer of 1948 was a very successful one in the history of the Club and many fine trips were done. Good walking and splendid companionship were most evident. So heigh-ho for the future with the Mountaineering Club increasing in tradition and prosperity.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Members are reminded that the annual subscription of five shillings (5/-) is now due to be extorted. Postal notes will be accepted. Address them to the Secretary of the Mountaineering Club, Union House, Melbourne University, Carlton, N.3.

BADGES

At long last the Club has obtained a badge. The symbol is the little man with a feather in his hat and an ice axe and rucksack on his back. The badge is of cloth being intended to be sewn onto the flap or the back of the rucksack, but it is not to be worn on clothing. It is strong and should last for two or three years. The price is 7/- which seems almost prohibitive but the badge is so attractive that there is already quite a demand. It is hoped that most members will possess a badge.

MAPS.

The Club's library of eighty maps is available to all members. It is kept in a glassed case next to the music room on the second floor of Union House. The key to this case may be obtained from a small tin in the Club letter-box. The maps are for reference only and may not be taken on trips; but members should freely refer to them.

REUNIONS.

Members of the Tasmanian trip to the Scenic Reserve and the Western Tiers will meet together in the C and S North at 7.30 on Friday 18th. Members of the Kosciusko trip will meet in the Mens Grads. at 7.30 on Wednesday 16th. Photos will be exchanged and shown.

FRIDAY EVENINGS.

Club members will meet every Friday evening in the cafe over dinner. This should be quite a get-together. It is expected that some people will talk quite a deal. Trips will be discussed and plans made. The map library will be brought out for the occasion. Later in the year we hope to have small lectures on interesting technical and general topics. The first evening will be Friday 11th.

ORIENTATION WEEK.

Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th C and S North (on the second floor of Union House, South-East end.)

An exhibition of walking and mountaineering equipment will once again be held during orientation week. Last year the exhibition was most popular; and from reports of Mr. Bill Bewsher's

plans we can look forward this time to a show greatly increased in scope and variety. Equipment used by the two parties to Federation Peak will be featured. It should be most interesting.

SUNDAY 20th March.

Day Walk 14 miles.

Opening Fixture.

We are happy to announce that Professor Cherry will again lead the first day walk of the year. Dr. Loewe will also be present to lead the ninety per cent who are unable to keep pace with the Professor. Our route, Wattle Glen to Greensborough, is being surveyed beforehand to ensure that the trip will be a great success. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present as we should like a really large attendance. The walk is moreover arranged to attract beginners who, we expect, will attend in large numbers. Catch the 8.53 train to Wattle Glen from Princes Bridge. Purchase a second return ticket to Wattle Glen.

THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH.

Men's Lounge 7.30 (Sharp).

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 1949 Annual Meeting of the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club will feature talks on Federation Peak. Mr. John Bechervaise will describe his successful attempt on the Peak and will show photos and slides taken on the trip. Mr. Bill Bewsher will speak of the detailed preparations undertaken by our Club and of the highlights of our two attempts. We are very fortunate that Mr. Bechervaise is able to be present for he is a fine speaker.

BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

1. Constitutional Amendments.

(a) Mr. Davies moves that the words "or before the 31st March" be deleted from clause 37 (b) of the constitution. He believes that these words have no real meaning at all. The clause then stands that notice of amendment must be given to the Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual Meeting.

(b) Mr. Davies moves that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer be altered to Secretary-treasurer and assistant-secretary. Clause eight (8) would then read "The governing body of the Club shall be the Committee which shall consist of a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer, an assistant-secretary, and three other members. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members in an advisory capacity, but such co-opted members shall not have the power to vote at Committee Meetings" This amendment is suggested for it is necessary that the Secretary be helped in his work. It is also better that he should handle the finances for he obtains many subscriptions and pays out petty cash.

2. Elections. Nominations are invited for the positions of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, assistant-secretary, and ordinary committee members. Such nominations

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shall be returnable in writing signed by the nominee and proposer and seconder at least seven days prior to the annual meeting. It is hoped that there will be many nominations.

SATURDAY 26TH, SUNDAY 27TH.

Weekend Walk.

The Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs is holding its annual weekend walk at the outlet of the Sylvan Dam. Members of all Walking Clubs will be there. We should like a large attendance. Walking will be easy and there will be a great camp-fire and show. For details contact the Secretary.

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL.

Day Walk.

EASTER.

Two trips, one being to the Cathedral Ranges.
Details Later.

DARYL DAVIES.

Hon. Secretary, M. U. M. C.

LF4332.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MAY - 1949

During the last month, the large attendances at organised club walks and meetings have been maintained. A record number of forty-seven turned out for the five-day Lake Mountain - Sugarloaf trip at Easter. To the surprise of the leader all persons - including himself - survived! To meet the increased demands there will be a trip during every weekend of second term. For King's Birthday weekend, there will be a choice of three trips. Several of these trips are of a novel type, which should appeal to many members.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

A further reminder is given that subs. for 1949 are now due, - still 5/-. Financial membership for this year is already 126, BUT, there are 210 persons on our records. This circular will be the last one sent to unfinancial members.

A new membership form was printed in March and it is requested that all members fill one in.

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- A few cloth badges for sewing on rucksacks are still available for 7/- each - rather expensive - but well worth having.

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In the first place we are now morally bound to fulfill our promise. The main point however is that the Y.H.A. are providing the funds and the building equipment, are drawing up the plans and are negotiating with the Lands Department for permission. This organisation takes more time than students are able to give. It is certain that had it not been for the Y.H.A., there would be no hut in the Cathedrals this year at least. Finally it must be stated that the committee is doing whatever it can to obtain a club hut and it seems likely that one will be erected within three or four years.

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LEADER (Mr. Lees (Hawthorn 4677)).

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Mountaineering Club.

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2nd May, 1949.

During recent weeks several walks have had to be cancelled owing to transport difficulties. However the 24 hour walk was kept on and again proved a success. The result was a very clear win for Vera Palmer and Brian Capon - they finished seven miles in front of the next pairs. Most entrants were fairly fit again on the next day, but many are still wondering if this would have been so had the hash-house staffs put the 'flour' in the stew. On analysis this 'flour' turned out to be a plaster of paris compound that is used for killing rabbits. Competitors were assured that the mix up was accidental but -----! ?

Vacation Trips.

4 or 5 day trip, Monday 15th August - Thursday 18th or Friday 19th Aug.
Mt. Torbreck -> Mt. Bullfight -> Federation Range -> Lake Mountain.

Catch the 7 p.m. Eildon bus on Sunday 14th August. A single ticket to Snobs Creek (18/-) should be purchased at Whight's, Flinders St. Party will return on either Thursday or Friday - hitch hiking will probably be the favoured way to return. Tents will be used, but the Y.H.A. huts at Lake Mountain and Cumberland Valley will be available to those who wish to extend the trip for a day or so. As snow will be encountered in parts it will be impossible to do the trip in bad weather and in that case an alternative trip will be undertaken in the Torbreck or Eildon area.

A satisfactory map of the area is Broadbent's sixpenny map of Eildon and Acheron Valley. This is obtainable from many stores and from the Tourist Bureau.

Leader is Daryl Davies and those interested should contact him immediately at LF 4332 or through the club letter box.

Day Walk, Friday 26th August.

Dandenong - Lysterfield Hills - Mt. Moreton - Belgrave - Ferntree Gully

Leader. Vera Palmer. Catch 8.39 a.m. train to Dandenong. Buy 2nd class hiker's ticket 'Dandenong return Ferntree Gully'.
About 15 miles. Medium.

Thursday, 1 September. Day Walk. Lilydale to Eltham.

Catch 8.20 a.m. train to Lilydale. Buy 2nd class hiker's ticket 'Lilydale return Eltham'.

Leader. John Rigby. About 18 miles. Medium.

Wednesday 7th - Thursday 8th September. 2 days hostel trip.

Yarra Glen -> Pound Bend Hostel, Warrandyte - Hurstbridge.

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Sunday, 11 September. Day Walk, Frankston - Mt. Eliza - Frankston.

Catch 8.41 a.m. train to Frankston. Buy 2nd return to Frankston.
Leader. Eric Webb (WU 1233). Easy.

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th September. Weekend Walk.

Parwan - Coimadai - Sugarloaf - Bullengarook - Macedon.

Leader. Charlie Elliott.

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Tough trip. Tents needed.

A further circular will be issued early in Third Term giving details of trips for the rest of the term and for the long vacation. If you have any ideas for vacation trips please let the Secretary know before 12th September.

Bill Bewsher *Hon. Sec.*

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(a) Climbing Sub-Committee.

During the last twelve months many more members have commenced rope-climbing and many others are desirous of doing so. Until now the club has not had any definite policy re climbing and decisions have largely been left to the leader of a party or the Secretary. The purpose of this sub-committee will be:-

- (a) To describe various climbs which have been done in the Sugarloaf area and to grade these.

- (b) To control the use of club-ropes
- (c) To give general advice re climbing
- (d) To endeavour to increase opportunities for climbing trips.

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Trips.

Day Walk. Sunday, 2nd October.

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Post-Exam Weekend Camp. Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th November.

Place - Sugarloaf Saddle, via Buxton.

Just imagine it! - all the exams are over, its a fine sunny weekend and you haven't a worry in the world! What better way to spend it than out in the fresh country air with others who will also be in that carefree maniac mood which follows a long period of suppression, depression and repression. (Note - no prize is offered for guessing what course the Secretary is doing).

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Victorian Federation of Walking. Club's Annual Cabaret Ball.

Place. Tudor Court, 141 Kooyong Rd., Caulfield.

Time. Wednesday, 5th October, 1949. 8.30-12.30 a.m. Admission 10/-. Tickets for this function are available from the Secretary. This is an excellent opportunity to meet members of other groups like our own - in somewhat different surroundings than usual.

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10 days in Blue Mountains, N.S.W. in January. Leader. Brian Capon.

Party will assemble at Katoomba on Friday 6th January 1950 and next 10 days will be spent walking in the Blue Mountains area. Hitch-hiking may be ^{the} preferred method of many for reaching starting point. For further details contact Brian through Club letter box or ring Eric Webb (WU 1233).

10 days - Friday 10th February to Sunday 20th February, 1950.
Mansfield -> Buller -> Cobbler -> Howitt -> Wellington -> Lake
Tarlikarng -> Ben Cruachan -> Newry (near Maffra).
Leader. Daryl Davies.

Possible Additional Tours.

(1) Harrietville -- Feathertop -> Hotham -> Bogong -> Tawonga.
Time. Xmas till New Year. Anyone interested contact Secretary.

(2) Tasmania. Lake St. Clair and Pine Valley area or Frenchman's
Cap area.

Date. 19th January till 26th January.

Quite a few of the party who are going to S.W. Tasmania from
30th December till 16th January are interested in doing a further
trip at about this time. No plans have been made, but they will
probably head to Lake St. Clair area to rest for a couple of days
and then do a trip around there. Anyone who would be interested
in joining such a trip is asked to contact Bill Bewsher who will
give them details later.

S.W. Tasmania Trip.

Members of this party will receive a special circular giving
full details re food, equipment and trips planned; this will be
sent out within the next week.

If it seems necessary a further circular to all members will
be sent out in early December. However, the present plan is to
send out the next circular during first week of February, 1950.
It is hoped that all members have many enjoyable trips during the
next few months.

Bill Bewsher (Hon. Sec.)

Enquiries. Eric Webb, Assistant Secretary (WU 1233).

Fire Precautions.

With summer on the way again perhaps a word on fire precautions
would not go amiss. The club example in this regard has not always
been as good as it should have been. It is not merely a question
of satisfying ourselves in this matter but also of impressing the
authorities (principally the forestry people) with our precautions.
For the benefit of new members the following is what is recommended
by the Forestry Commission.

1. Remove all sticks, grass etc. for a radius of a clear yard
around the fire site.
2. Dig a pit to contain the actual fire.
3. Always have enough spare water handy to deal with getaways.
4. Always douse your fire before leaving the campsite. When
a large party is camped at the one site it is better to
have a single long fire for cooking than scattered small
ones.